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Reply Comments PR Docket No. 93-133

Secretary, FCC
Aviation and Marine Branch
Washington, D.C. 20554

Dear Sirs:

Having read Mr. George Kelley's response of June 12, 1993 to the proposed rule changes (Sec. 80.933 General small passenger vessel exemptions), I find myself in complete agreement with all of the points he has brought up, more so since I was raised in the Palm Beach area.

As the owner of a marine electronics company here in St. Thomas, V.I., I am presently the radio service representative for all three of our local inter-island ferry services, totaling 19 or 20 vessels. All three companies are locally owned family businesses making these short international voyages several times daily. In addition, I service many daysail/snorkel/sight seeing multi-passenger vessels in the area, running similar international routes.

I am very pleased to see the proposed rule changes, as they will substantially reduce the financial burden on the owners of these vessels, and the time requirements imposed upon us.

One additional thought. I believe the new requirements for the Navtex receiver and the Category 1 406 MHz EPIRB to

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take effect August 1, 1993 should also be included under the General Exemption for vessels not traveling more than 3 miles from land.

Best regards,

Stuart Setterfield

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